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A Leisurely Tour in England. By J. J. Hissey. xviii and 400 pp. Map, ills., index. The Macmillan Co., N. Y., 1913. \$3. 9 x 6.

A motor trip along unfrequented highways in Southern England and Central Wales. The author has a predilection for quaint spots and buildings of romantic attributes, to many of which he conducts the reader. Thus the book teems with stories of an earlier time and recounts customs and scenes away from the busy thoroughfares. The itinerary is described in an interesting style and makes pleasant reading. The daily run and the evening halt told frequently in infinite detail contain no adventures, but there is enough of historical allusions and freshness of thought to hold the attention.

ROBERT M. BROWN.

Highways and Byways in Shakespeare's Country. By W. H. Hutton. With ills. by E. H. New. xvi and 448 pp. Map, index. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1914. \$2. 8 x 5½.

The painstaking result of four years of patient, scholarly delving into the country of Shakespeare, its topography, its architecture as shown in church and castle, in manor-house and cottage, its woodland scenes and landscapes, its gossipy traditions prevalent among the inhabitants, and its literary allusions to the places visited. The skilled pencil of the artist had preceded the writer of these records, and the result is a number of tasteful sketches of the scenes and edifices described in the text. Lovers of the Bard of Avon will appreciate all the minutiae of local history which throw light upon the poet's life and times. The chapters on Stratford, the birthplace, Coventry, and Kenilworth are most interesting. An excellent road-map of Warwickshire, with the roads and routes outlined in red, makes it easy to follow the writer on his tour. The work is marked throughout by a characteristically English recording of genealogical data.

DAVID H. BUEL.

The British Isles. By Frederick Mort. Maps, ills., index. 231 pp. University Press, Cambridge, 1914. 3s. 8 x 5½.

The geology, and physical and economic geography of the British Isles are first taken up. Then, the regional geology and geography of each part of the United Kingdom is described with some detail. The influence of the physiographic upon life and economic development is emphasized. The control of the inorganic over the organic is frequently shown, as for example, on page 164: "The position of the seats of cotton manufacture is controlled by a climatic factor. A moist climate is desirable. If the air is too dry the threads become brittle and are difficult to work. The west coast of Britain has a much wetter climate than the east, and so, in time, all the cotton-working towns have come to be in the west." He points out how the coal fields have helped to determine the location of the cotton manufactures, and adds: "As we pass to the southeast of the Lancashire cotton towns, the climate becomes drier, and there is a corresponding change in the textile that is manufactured. Cotton gives place to silk." The book should be used with good orographical maps of the British Isles. Excellent illustrations, maps, graphs and tables aid the text.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

Britannia's Growth and Greatness. An Historical Geography of the British Empire. By A. J. Berry. 304 pp. Maps, ills. I. Pitman & Sons, London, 1914 (?). 2s. 7½ x 5.

The history of the development of each part of the British Empire is told, the control of the physiographic over the organic being emphasized. Of the Northern Territory of Australia, Mr. Berry says the climate is not unhealthy for whites if they take sufficient exercise. The land is offered very cheaply as an inducement to settlers. He thinks this is a promising opening for the farmer. "The land is well watered and the rainfall sufficient. Cattle-breeding, wherever it has been tried, has succeeded." The author shows how the various parts of the Empire are bound together. The book is readable and contains many illustrations.

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